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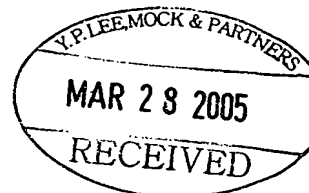
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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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FOR FURTHER ACTION

See paragraph 2 below

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:



Box No. I Basis of the opinion



Box No. II Priority



Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability



Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention



Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement



Box No. VI Certain documents cited



Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application



Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. 1 Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

- ☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

- ☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

- ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims	None	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims	None	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims	None	NO

2. Citations and explanations :

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 4,880,841 A

D2: EP 257,787 A1

1. Novelty and Inventive Step.

The present invention relates to a method of preparing an optically pure phenethylamine derivative which is an intermediate useful for preparing tamsulosin or its salts and a method of preparing tamsulosin or its salts using the optically pure phenethylamine derivative.

D1 relates to novel phenethylamine derivatives and the acid addition salts thereof, and more particularly to novel phenethylamine derivatives and the acid addition salts thereof exhibiting a strong α -adrenergic blocking action and useful as an antihypertensive agent.

D2 relates to a new process for producing optically active benzenesulfonamide derivatives which are represented by the general formula (I) and a process for producing formula VII by further reacting optically active benzenesulfonamide derivatives.

The subject matter of the present invention differs from the disclosure of D1-D2 mainly in that the method of preparing an optically pure compound having formula 1 relates to react (R)-2-(4-methoxy-3-aminosulfonyl-phenyl)-1-methylethylamine or its salts with α -halogenoacetic acid anhydride and α -halogenoacetyl halide in the presence of a base and an acylating agent. And said optically pure compound having formula I further reacts with 2-ethoxyphenol in presence of a base and is reduced. It cannot be considered obvious to a person skilled in the art, with knowledge of the cited documents, to use an optically pure compound and an acylating agent and to reduce for increasing an yield of production and preventing a side reaction.

Therefore, the subject matter of the present claims 1-6 is considered to be novel and to involve an inventive step under PCT Article 33(2) and (3).

2. Industrial Applicability

The subject matter of claims 1-6 is considered to be industrially applicable under PCT Article 33(4).